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*Quotes and notes from Washington parties gathered for The Washington Star by Ymelda Dixon:*

Senators nearly always delay dinner parties with the same vague excuse. "I was held up on the Hill." So when Sens. James Abourezk and Ed Brooke arrived on time for an informal dinner given by Jordanian Ambassador and Mrs. Abdullah Salah this week, they received a round of applause.

Republican Brooke ended the ribbing of Democrat Abourezk about Jimmy Carter's Playboy interview by asking CIA chief George Bush for the CIA's assessment of the presidential election. The chief spook's reply was a grin. Iranian Ambassador Ardeshir Zahedi broke the political ice by toasting a youthful-looking Mrs. Tugan, a guest of honor with her husband Baha'eddin Tugan.